Quiz 12  
Chapter 11 – The Judicial Branch

1. ​Disputes concerning business contracts, divorce, family matters, and personal injury involve   
a. ​civil law.   
b. ​criminal law.   
c. ​natural law.   
d. ​civil felonies.   
  
2. ​The term misdemeanor refers to a   
a. crime less serious than a felony.​   
b. crime more serious than a felony.​   
c. ​matter of juvenile law.   
d. ​matter of civil law.   
  
3. Law made by legislative bodies is called   
a. statutory law.   
b. common law.   
c. constitutional law.   
d. prerogative law.   
  
4. A collection of laws relating to the same subject and presented in an organized manner is called a(n)   
a. code.   
b. ordinance.   
c. statute.   
d. jurisprudence.   
  
5. A court that hears and decides cases tried for the first time has   
a. original jurisdiction.   
b. appellate jurisdiction.   
c. civil jurisdiction.   
d. ultimate jurisdiction.   
  
6. Which one of the following courts is not mentioned in the Texas Constitution?   
a. Municipal courts   
b. Justice of the peace courts   
c. County courts   
d. District courts   
  
7. An operator of an automobile repair shop cannot collect a bill of $426.42 from a customer. Where would the most convenient place be for the operator to sue to recover his money?   
a. Municipal court   
b. State district court   
c. Justice of the peace court   
d. County court at law   
  
8. ​Which statement regarding the appellate jurisdiction of the intermediate and highest level Texas appellate courts is incorrect?   
a. ​All courts have more than one justice.   
b. ​All justices are popularly elected for six-year terms.   
c. ​All cases involving money disputes can be appealed.   
d. ​Justices must be attorneys with prior legal or judicial experience.   
  
9. Which of the following courts mainly exercises original jurisdiction?   
a. State district courts   
b. Texas Supreme Court   
c. State Courts of Appeals   
d. Texas Court of Criminal Appeals   
  
10. Which level of courts are constitutionally bifurcated in Texas?​   
a. ​Highest level appellate courts   
b. ​Intermediate appellate courts   
c. ​State trial courts   
d. ​Local trial courts   
  
11. In Texas, nearly all judges are chosen by a   
a. legislative committee.   
b. partisan election.   
c. non-partisan election.   
d. nominations council.   
  
12. A citizen who believes a judge has behaved unethically while presiding over his or her case should file a complaint with the   
a. district attorney in his or her county.   
b. State Bar of Texas.   
c. Commission on Judicial Conduct.   
d. Texas Supreme Court.   
  
13. The Texas Supreme Court does all the following, except   
a. appoint the members of the Board of Law Examiners.   
b. write the Rules of Civil Procedure subject to legislative veto.   
c. fill vacancies in state district courts when they arise.   
d. transfer cases from one court of appeals district to another to balance the caseload.   
  
14. In order to be a practicing attorney in the State of Texas, a lawyer must be   
a. a member of the State Bar of Texas.   
b. a graduate of a Texas law school.   
c. registered with the National Lawyers Guild.   
d. a member of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association.   
  
15. Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees legal representation to the poor in civil cases?​   
a. ​None   
b. First   
c. Sixth   
d. Fourteenth   
  
16. A formal accusation that a person has committed a high felony and must go to trial is a(n)   
a. information.   
b. indictment.   
c. verdict.   
d. opinion.   
  
17. The process by which attorneys question potential jurors is called   
a. venire.   
b. voir dire.   
c. stratified sampling.   
d. peremptory challenging.   
  
18. ​In recent years, why have the number of civil jury trials declined?   
a. ​People aren’t suing each other as frequently.   
b. ​More cases are being tried to judges.   
c. ​More cases are being dismissed by judges.   
d. ​More cases are being settled by agreement between the plaintiff and defendant. 